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Greetings,

This correspondence is prepared for you on behalf of Department of Health and Welfare, Division of Behavioral Health, Substance Use Disorders Bureau. The Substance Use Disorder Bureau embarked upon the task of rewriting the IDAPA 16.06.03 – Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment Programs standards approximately one year ago. A draft of the proposed rule rewrite is now ready for your review and comments. By updating the standards we anticipate:

- Aligning the rules governing alcohol and drug abuse prevention and treatment programs with current statutes
- Modernizing obsolete language
- Updating the standards to reflect current best practices
- Eliminating those areas that are no longer applicable to current practices
- Requiring a Department criminal history check for all employees rather than the current practice for adolescent treatment providers only
- Incorporating Recovery Support Services
- Revising the requirements for 'Qualified Professional' which in the new rule is 'Qualified Substance Use Disorders Professional'
- Attaching an application and renewal fee to the Program Approval process

Feedback during this process was received during Town Hall Meetings that were held:

May 12, 2008 in Coeur d'Alene

May 19, 2008 in Boise

May 29, 2008 in Pocatello

You may access the draft on the web by visiting:

http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/portal/alias_Rainbow/lang_en-US/tabID_3460/DesktopDefault.aspx scroll to **Rules** and click on **IDAPA 16.07.20 DRAFT ALCOHOL AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS TREATMENT AND RECOVERY SUPPORT SERVICES FACILITIES AND PROGRAMS** or

by visiting <http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/site/3428/default.aspx> and clicking on the designated link.

You have the opportunity for public comments at the Board meeting which will be held May 21, 2009 at Department of Health and Welfare – 450 W. State Street 10th Floor Conference Room – Boise. For updates about the meeting, the web site is: <http://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/site/3418/default.aspx> The link is under **About Us** and then **Board of H&W**.

Please bear in mind this is not the official text and changes may still be made. In the meantime, you may send your recommendations or comments to:

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